

Omuta City

Community-based Dementia Care Project



Situation

Along with the rapid ageing of its population and the growing number of people with dementia, the city aims to create a society where people can lead an enriched life with a sense of security in the familiar environment of their local community even after they begin to suffer from dementia.



Action

1. Development of human resources who play a core role in supporting people with dementia in local communities
2. Efforts to prevent dementia and stabilize lifestyles through the early diagnosis of dementia and early intervention
3. Creation of a network to watch over people with dementia on a daily basis and to look for missing persons with dementia
4. Learning about dementia from childhood through activities with the local communities

Impact

Efforts have been made in each long-term care facility in the city to improve the quality of care and to support people with dementia in the whole community through the city's ongoing initiatives to develop human resources.

As a result of efforts to raise the awareness of dementia in citizens, the rate of finding missing persons has increased and it now takes less time to find a missing person. Furthermore, the city has received multiple reports that elementary and junior high school students have talked to elderly persons who had apparently got lost or were crouching down because they felt sick, and helped them.